GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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BACKWATER TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any requests from State Governments forassistance to develop Backwater Tourism in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The State Government of Kerala submitted a multi-disciplinary project profilecosting Rs.154.67 crores for infrastructure development for Backwater Tourism in Kerala.

(c): However, this could not be considered for funding by the Ministry of Tourism under its tourism infrastructure development scheme in view of resource constraints. Government of Kerala has been advised to submit a project under the Equity Scheme anda background note for multi-departmental meeting in the Government of India.

Central Department of Tourism have sanctioned 15 proposals submitted during first four years of IXth Plan period for Rs.698.00 lakhs for Kerala for development of Backwater tourism. Apart from that Planning Commission, Govt. of India has sanctioneda scheme for the preparation of Master Plan for the integrated development of Backwaters at total cost of Rs.1.00 Crores.

For the year 2001-2002, two projects for development of Walkway along backwater Shore Kochi and development of Jetties in Kochi backwaters have been prioritised for Rs.125.00 lakhs each for central financial assistance.